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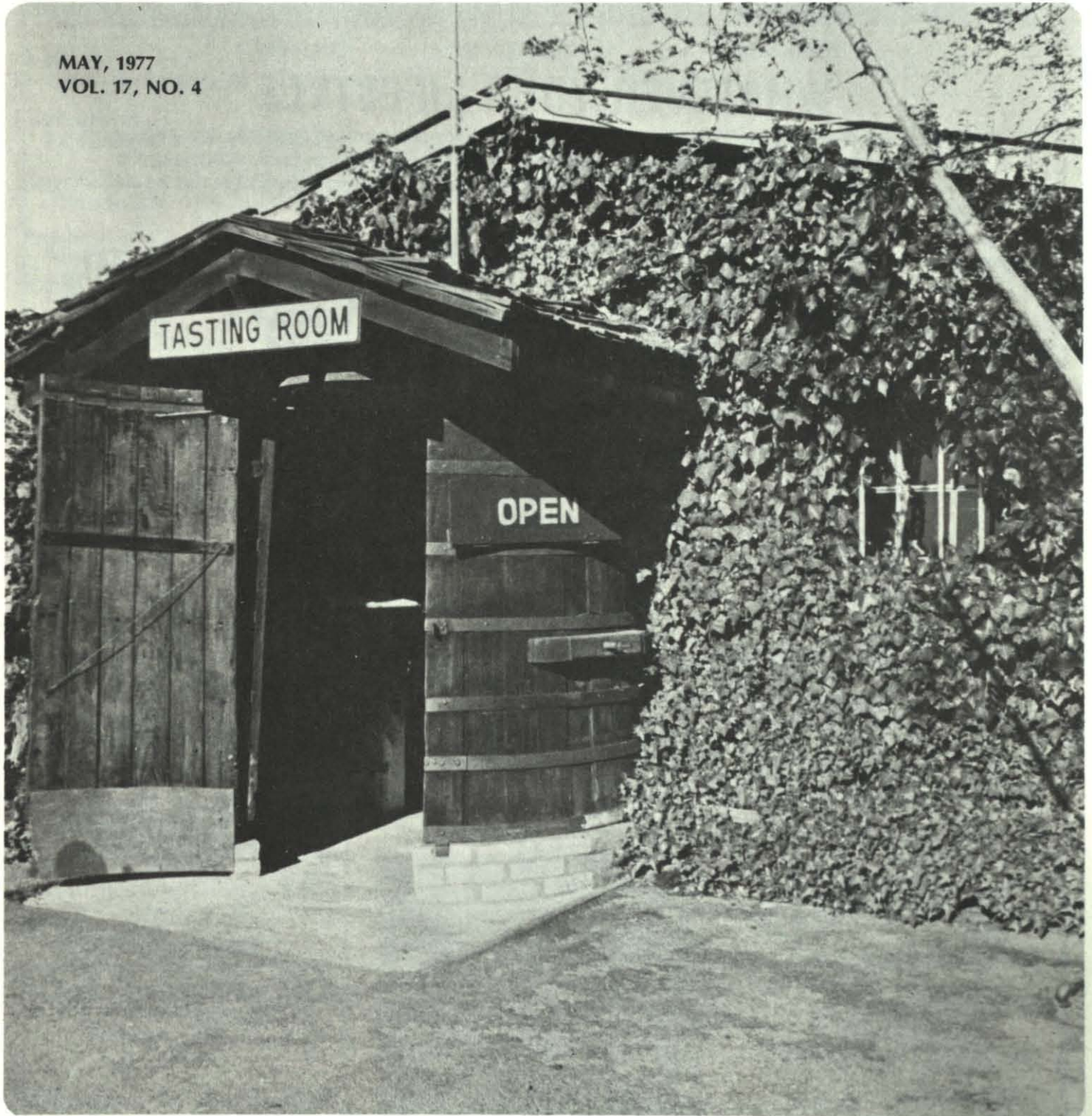
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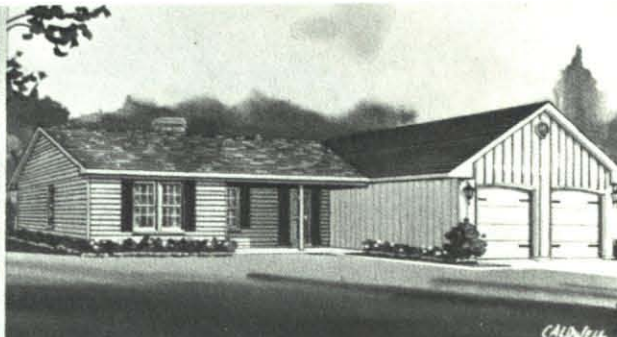
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ON THE COVER

Tasting rooms are a unique, yet typical California sight. In keeping with this month's focus, Lari Johnson has captured this cover shot of a converted wine vat now used as a tasting room in California's wine country. □



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editor's notes...



Ah Spring, my favorite season! Everything comes to life in the Spring — the flowers bloom, the weather warms, and I foolishly plant my annual crop of vegetables. Every year I plant and every year I end up with zilch! Oh well, someone has to keep the supermarkets in business. I guess I'm just not cut out for farming.

Another nice thing about Spring is its proximity to Summer and vacation time! The Focus of this month's CLASSMATE is "Seeing California." Featured are articles about many of the state's vacation areas, in the hope that we might give you a few ideas and lots of information on where to spend the break, or some future vacation. You'll notice that Disneyland and the other L.A. area attractions are not included since nearly everyone has either been there or already knows all about them. Instead we focus upon areas popular and well-known, also stress natural California: her forests, coastline, rivers and lakes, parks, wine country, and three of her nicest cities. California offers such a diversity of attractions to visit while here. Enjoy your trip through the pages!

Many thanks to the members of my staff who provided the photographs for the focus articles. Wish we could print in color as the pictures are truly beautiful; guess you'll just have to go and see for yourself.

OSWC presents one of its most popular events on May 19, the May House Tour and Brunch. Be sure and attend. The NPS homes on the tour were all part of the old Del Monte Hotel and have fascinating histories and architectural features. New this year are homes to tour in La Mesa. Now's your chance to see how someone else has decorated quarters, and maybe get (steal) some ideas of your own.

LT Dave Laredo has provided another helpful article under the headline "Legal-Ease." LT Laredo is the NPS Legal Officer and plans to write on subjects of general legal interest each month. He's already cleared up a lot of my confusion on several points regarding voting, capital gains . . . but wait, I'm giving away all the future articles.

Alice Mitsakos-Mavraganis wrote this month's Navy Bleu column after reading the Peripatetic Palate review of Captain Jacques. Alice is an M.D. practicing at Stanford. Her husband is a student at NPS and a member of the Hellenic Navy.

Next month's CLASSMATE is not to be missed. Enough said! (but if you remember the bogus Pink Flyer . . .). Deadline is May 27th. □

Lari Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

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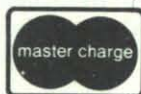
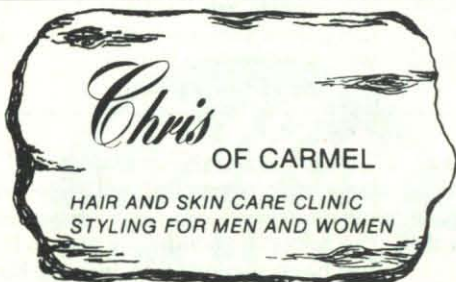
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Mary Bepristis

Where has the time gone since the last issue of the CLASSMATE?! I hope you all enjoyed the tremendously successful Art Auction at the beginning of March. It was nice to see so many of you there after spending a hot morning-afternoon at the Bargain Fair. Our special thanks go to Ann Sharp and her committee for the Art Show and to Nancy and Rich Moore and several others for their efforts at the Bargain Fair.

I hope you all enjoyed the activities and programs in April — International Day with all the lovely displays and in the evening the terrific program put on by the participating countries, the New Section Leader's Wives' Coffee, the successful bus trip to San Francisco arranged by Cheryl, the Welcome Aboard Coffee, and the Adobe Tour. Thank you to Sandy Kolodziej and her committee for the International Day, to Cheryl Howe for the Coffee and the bus trip, and to Dana

Olsen and her committee for the Welcome Aboard Coffee. A very special thank-you goes to Merna Dearth for coordinating the Adobe Tour.

You know that April was a busy month, and we have more in store for you. The May Tour of Homes has been expanded to include some La Mesa homes and we are again inviting everyone to the Wives' Guided Tour and Tea. Little Theater has a show coming up in May that I hope you won't miss. Later in the year we'll be attending the Military Ball. Merna and her committees have been hard at work already; so start saving your pennies. This year's Ball will outdo all the others!!

If you want to see a certain program, let us know; if something is bugging you about OSWC, let us know; we can't make amends until we hear from you. After all the reports are in, what really makes a program a success is the involvement of you, the membership. □



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Cheryl Howe

With our "rainy season?!" over and thoughts of long summer days ahead, it's time for those courtyard or driveway (as the case may be) talks with neighbors and friends. We hope you and your friends

will join us for our many activities in May.

Before going into May, I'd like to look back on April for a moment and say thank you to Karen Ashim for her help on the San Francisco Bus Trip.

Now let's move into May! May 5th will offer a guided tour of the school and grounds complete with interesting insights to the history of the old Del Monte. A tea will follow at the home of RADM & Mrs. Isham Linder. The tour will convene on the quarterdeck of Herrmann Hall at 12:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling me at 649-1991 or Sandy Geibel at 649-0645 by May 2nd.

On May 19th, OSWC will host a Tour of Homes and Brunch. The response was so good last year that we are bringing you a repeat performance but with an added attraction. The Tour will begin on the Postgraduate School grounds at 10:00 a.m. and last until 12:00 noon. Our gracious hostesses are Mrs. Barron, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Kaelberer and Mrs. Tibbits. The brunch, to be held in the La Novia Terrace Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., will consist of Fresh Fruit Compote, Danish Pastries, Quiche Lorraine and coffee.

After a refreshing brunch and talk of the clever decorating ideas and interesting pieces of furniture you have just seen, the added attraction will begin. The Tour has been extended to include homes in La Mesa Village from 1-3 p.m. Here's an opportunity to see your familiar floor-plan in a different perspective. The cost for the tour and brunch will be \$2.50 for members and \$3.50 for non-members. Reservations should be turned in to Karen Ashim by May 12th. For more information call Karen Ashim at 649-8307 or me at 649-1991. A reservation form follows this article.

Also during brunch in the Terrace Room, members will have a chance to vote (by ballot) "Yes" or "No" on OSWC's By-Laws Revisions. You will have plenty of time to read these revisions as they will be posted on the three OSWC bulletin boards for several weeks prior to the Tour of Homes on May 19th. If you will not be able to attend the Tour of Homes and would like to vote on the revisions, please contact Sandy Geibel at 649-0645 or me at 649-1991 and a ballot will be sent to you through your SMC mailbox.

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There are just some of the things you have to look forward to. We also have all our courses you can take by being members of OSWC. Now that you have an idea of what is offered, come join us! □



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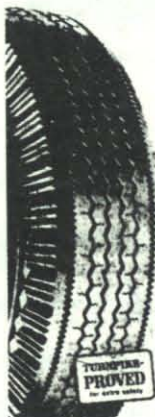
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OSWC By-Laws Revision:

All proposed changes made by the By-Laws Revision Committee will be posted on the OSWC Bulletin Boards located in the Navy Exchange Breezeway, Ladies Lounge in Herrmann Hall, and inside of the La Mesa Village Store, by 20 April. The proposed revision will be voted on by the Active Members present at the Tour of Homes and Brunch on May 19th. □

May House Tour and Brunch

In addition to homes on the NPS campus, OSWC is also offering tours of homes in LaMesa Village. The pictures on this page are a preview of what you'll

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By Miriam Mull

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There is also a Summer Fun program. This is a morning session during the months of July and August. These sessions consist of field trips, cooking, bak-

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Explore the World of Wine

By William G. Sykes

In keeping with the theme of May's CLASSMATE, this month's column discusses the wines of California. European grape varieties were introduced into America in 1861 by Count Agoston Harazthy, who brought thousands of vine cuttings from Europe to start the wine industry in this country. That industry has grown and matured to the point where today its best wines (almost exclusively from California) rival the best that Europe has to offer in nearly every category. While the prices of good California and European wines are roughly comparable, the absolute best of California's wines (certain Cabernet Sauvignons and Chardonnays) do not often reach the astronomical prices charged for the cream of the European crop.

As mentioned in the opening article of this series, California's finest wines are varietal wines, named for the grape from which they are made. The best red varietal wines are Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Gamay Beaujolais, Zinfandel, and Petit Sirah. Cabernet Sauvignon is the California counterpart of French Bordeaux (French wines are the subject of the next installment). Cabernets are generally hard, forceful wines which require substantial breathing (especially when young) before they open up and become enjoyable. They are not easy wines to drink, but they can be a sheer delight, combining forcefulness with finesse, if one likes that style of wine. A few suggested wineries for this varietal are Charles Krug, Stonegate, Parducci, Inglenook, Sterling Vineyards, Cuvaion, and V. Sattui. For further suggestions on Cabernet, as well as any other wines covered in this and subsequent articles in this series, I'd recommend that one talk to "Black Bart" of the Carmel Vintage Shop on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh. Bart stocks a carefully chosen selection of fine California wines, most of which he has personally selected, and

can always offer a number of different suggestions in any price range.

Pinot Noir is the grape of French Burgundy, but the California version has not achieved the acclaim *vis a vis* its French counterpart that Cabernet Sauvignon has. This is primarily because Pinot Noir is a more recent addition to the California repertoire and is a more difficult grape to vinify. A well-made Pinot Noir will be rounder, fuller, less tannic than a Cabernet, and hence an easier wine to enjoy. Good Pinot Noirs are made by Robert Mondavi Winery, Pedroncelli, Parducci, Johnsons', Caymus, and Sebastiani, to name a few.

Gamay Beaujolais and Napa Gamay are the nominal counterparts of French Beaujolais, but the picture is confusing. French Beaujolais is made from a grape called the gamay, which is called the Napa gamay in California; the grape of California Gamay Beaujolais is actually a subspecies of the Pinot Noir. To top it all off, both varieties are often blended into wines bearing either of the two names. Anyway, these two wines should be fairly light, fruity, flavorful sipping wines, as are the Beaujolais of France. In my limited experience with these wines, however, they do not adequately capture the characteristics of the French original, and I can offer no personal recommendations.

Zinfandel has no European counterpart, and its origin is unknown. Further, to a greater degree than the wines previously mentioned, it varies in style depending on the winery making it. Some are light and fruity and actually closer in style to Beaujolais than the wines in the preceding paragraph, while others are big, robust, tannic wines approaching a Cabernet in style. Sebastiani's is of the former type, while Sutter Home Zinfandel is more of the latter type. Buena Vista's Zinfandel is somewhere in between the two; try Bart for more com-



plete information on various Zinfandels.

Petit Sirah is a fairly recent addition to California as a varietal wine, and it has no European counterpart. It is a very dark red wine, full-bodied, very high in tannin, which submerges the fruit unless the wine is given substantial breathing. Heavy tannin normally suggests a wine which will be long-lived, but with Petit Sirah there is some question whether the fruit in the wine can endure long enough to outlast the tannin. The safest way to try this wine would be to try wines that are 3, 4, or perhaps 5 years old, then give them about two or three hours breathing. This should open them up enough to make them enjoyable without running the risk that the fruit has disappeared. A few suggestions are Kenwood, Inglenook, Robert Mondavi, Freemark Abbey, and Dry Creek.

Shifting to white wines, California's best varietal white wines are Chardonnay, Johannisberg Riesling, Chenin Blanc, and to a growing degree, Sauvignon Blanc. The first of these, also called Pinot Chardonnay, is the grape of the great white Burgundies of France, and also of real French Chablis. A fine Chardonnay will be a totally dry, medium to full bodied, often with a hint of vanilla in the aftertaste. Good Chardonnays are always expensive due to the extremely low

yield of this grape variety, but there are a number available for about \$5 or less. Among them are San Martin Limited 1975 Pinot Chardonnay, Bargetto 1974, Mill Creek, Harbor Winery, Cuvaion, Joseph Phelps, and Sonoma Vineyards Chardonnays.




Johannisberg Riesling (also called white riesling) is the name given by California's wineries to the true riesling grape of Germany and Alsace. Such names as gray riesling, emerald riesling, or Monterey riesling belong to different grapes of the riesling family; and while they can make good wines, they do not enjoy the reputation of the true riesling. California Johannisberg Rieslings tend to be more full-bodied than German wines and are generally higher in alcohol; in contrast to chardonnays they are medium dry, sometimes even with a fairly pronounced degree of sweetness. The words "late harvest" sometimes appear on these wines and indicate that the wine is made from grapes which have been left on the vine for some additional time in order to ripen more fully and make a sweeter wine. Good Johannisberg Rieslings are made by The Monterey Vineyard, Charles Krug, The Firestone Vineyard, and Llord & Elwood (the latter is perhaps the sweetest of the four).

Chenin Blanc is the grape of such French wines as Vouvray and Saumur. California Chenin Blancs, as do their French counterparts, vary from being totally dry to fairly sweet, and there is no way to learn which is which except to try a few. Those of Mirassou and Charles Krug are on the sweet side, while Chenin Blancs from The Monterey Vineyard and Souverain are almost totally dry.

Sauvignon Blanc, which is also known as Fumé Blanc (or sometimes even as Blanc fumé), is the grape used in French white Bordeaux. These wines are dry, fairly full-bodied, perhaps closer to a chardonnay than to any of the other wines heretofore described, but somewhat lighter in body. A few suggestions for this varietal are Spring Mountain, Caymus, Stonegate, Wente Brothers, and Concannon.

This concludes the discussion of California wines. While you're exploring the world of California wine, I'll be doing the research (?) for next month's column, which will deal with the wines of Europe. □



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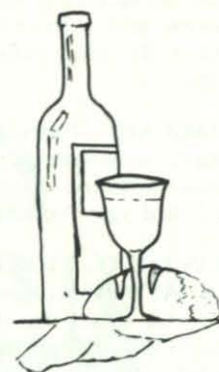
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Dining Out: The Peripatetic Palate

By Lari Johnson and Linda McClain



In keeping with this month's focus — Seeing California, we offer several dining out suggestions in other cities around the state. We have personally eaten at each restaurant, unless otherwise noted. Perhaps this month's column should be titled "Eating Your Way Around California." Remember, never hesitate to try a town's restaurants when you're traveling. We've found that 99% are much better than going to a fast-food chain with its familiar menu. Variety is the spice of life!

WINE COUNTRY

Napa Valley — RUFFINOS, Napa, extremely popular Italian Restaurant with a large, varied menu. Delicious food, huge portions, dinner includes appetizer through dessert. Inexpensive. Reservations a must during harvest. Don't miss it!

OLIVERS — Napa, French/Continental cuisine. Lovely decor, good food, reasonable to expensive. Downtown.

VICTORIAN HOUSE — Napa, in an old Victorian house. Average to good food, but expensive. Try the others first.

CARRIAGE HOUSE — Napa, didn't eat here as they were full, but the menu looked interesting and reasonable. American cuisine, steaks.

JONSEY'S — Napa Airport. Popular steak house. Enjoy a great steak (grilled with huge, hot rocks holding it down) "Jonsey's potatoes" and "Jonsey's salad." Very reasonable. A gem!

After too much tasting, we forgot the name of a delightful restaurant between Yountville and St. Helena, but it's in a converted gas station on SR 29. Limited menu but unusual and delicious fare. Try the Mongolian beef dish — hot and exciting.

Sonoma Valley — BRASS RAIL in Redway is a remarkable find. Located in the redwoods 2 miles off US 101 at the top of Sonoma Valley, this restaurant serves the best steaks, ribs, and fresh-water fish we've had. The meal includes shrimp cocktail, soup or salad, entree, bread,

butter, beverage and dessert. Atmosphere is rustic and you watch your steak being grilled over a charcoal pit. Dinner for two with drinks and wine was \$21, and the service was delightful.

SOUVERAIN RESTAURANT AT THE WINERY — two miles south of Geyserville off US 101. Architecturally gorgeous, this spot allows a view of the valley and/or a tour of the winery. Cuisine is Continental, service is fair, only Souverain wines are served naturally. Dinner for two — \$25.

MENDOCINO

VILLAGE BARN — small, rustic, typical Mendocino inn serving the best biscuits anywhere (they'll bring all you want). Dinners are good, home-cooked American favorites. Inexpensive.

Also looking interesting, but not tried as we only stayed one night — **GREGORY'S, CAFE BEAUJOLAIS**. **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Sacramento — CHINA CAMP in Old Town for drinks only. But the atmosphere, with bare walls and rough wooden boxes is unique.

THE ARBOR — downtown, great Italian restaurant with varied menu. Reasonable — \$15 for two. Across the street is **LORD BEAVERBROOKS** for cocktails — filled with antiques.

Mill Valley — EL REBOZO on Highway 101. Spanish/Mexican cuisine. We've had better. \$12 for two.

MARIN JOE'S — Corte Madera is Italian with pretty good food, plain decor, and not much else.

ZACK'S in Sausalito is cafeteria style with big breakfasts on a lovely patio overlooking Sausalito's unique houseboat community. Very inexpensive. Good for the kids. Note the stained glass everywhere.

Sausalito has several well-known restaurants and any local restaurant guide can provide information on cuisine and prices.

THE HUNGRY HUNTER near San Jose has a super hunting lodge decor and good steaks, seafood and ribs. A good place to stop for lunch too. Moderate. Excellent salad bar.

Lake Tahoe — we've eaten in the showroom at **HARRAH'S** and were pleasantly surprised at the good food. Most show dinners are overcooked, dry, and plain, but here there was an excellent menu and the food arrived hot and as requested. Quite a feat when serving over a thousand dinners at once.

SAM'S — On Highway 80 west of Placerville. A combination penny arcade, beer hall, family restaurant, and museum. Kids play while adults relax with beer and raw peanuts (shells go on the floor!). Family fare at reasonable prices. There's a more elegant restaurant here too. Something for everyone.

SAN FRANCISCO

Whew! There are only a million places to eat here in every price range, every cuisine and every decor. Here's where we've been:

THE HOTEL ST. FRANCIS on Union Square. We feasted on the Sunday Brunch for three hours! What a spectacular spread and a magnificent view of the city from the Penthouse dining room. All the food you can eat (or carry out-ha!) and all the champagne you can drink for \$7.50. It's worth every penny — don't miss it!

BEN JONSON — In the Cannery on Beach Street. Warm Old English decor — exquisite! Complete interior imported by W.R. Hearst from England. Moderate prices for a delightful meal. Try the cheese and fruit board, Earl of Sandwich or Fishmongers Sallet.

CARAVANSARY — 310 Sutter, downtown. A Middle Eastern cuisine with portions so huge you'll never finish everything. The appetizers are unusual and de-

licious, as is everything. Very moderate.

COACHMAN — 1057 Powell, where the cable car turns the corner. Old English decor and menu. Huge slabs of prime rib and a good mixed grill dinner. Moderate.

SALMAGUNDI — very good soups in the cafeteria-style restaurant on Geary St. Inexpensive with lots to eat.

Have heard very good reports about

PAPRIKAS FONO, TADICH GRILL, and **OMAR KHAYYAMS**, but we strongly advise that you avoid the restaurants on Fisherman's Wharf. Most are ridiculously overpriced, crowded, have poor to surly service, and the seafood is often far below expectations. There are a couple of authentic New York deli's in the theater district in San Francisco, too. We've found that we often sightsee or shop so late that we completely miss dinner here and just grab a sandwich, then hate ourselves for missing a true gourmet delight. Oh well, there's always next time.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Oxnard — **MARIO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**, Oxnard Blvd. off Highway 1 has fantastic food, pleasant decor and very inexpensive prices (dinners about \$3). Don't miss the Enchiladas Rancheros.

THE WHALE'S TALE in the Oxnard Marina. Beautiful view, super salad bar, great food, moderate prices.

THE OLD GIN MILL in **Ventura** off US 101. A fine new restaurant featuring rustic decor, delicious food and fresh spinach salad. Moderate.

BOCCACHIO'S in **Westlake** about 3 miles off US 101. Boats to rent for a leisurely turn around Westlake. Elegant at-

mosphere (waiters in tuxedos), excellent Italian food with moderate prices for lunch and dinner.

THE CHART HOUSE on **Malibu** beach provides a breathtaking view of the ocean and sunset. Fantastic salad bar and a steak/seafood menu. Service was very good here. Moderate.

EL TORITO on the **Redondo Beach** pier offers an ocean view, great Mexican food, reasonable prices and the best Margueritas anywhere.

THE SPAGHETTI BENDER just south of **Huntington Beach** on Highway 1 is a tiny place, so named we think, because you can barely stand up straight after eating all the food! Best minestrone and grilled cheese bread we've had. Very reasonable.

SAN DIEGO

ANTHONY'S — two restaurants, one on the water that is impossible to get into due to the crowds, and a new one across

the street which you can get into. Same great seafood, same reasonable prices in both.

THE REUBEN E. LEE — a stationary riverboat on the water. Specializes in seafood and steaks, moderate prices.

MARIO'S — on 5th. Great Italian food, unhurried. Light to serious opera sung on a small stage while you dine!

THE BUTCHER SHOP in the International Plaza Hotel. Casual, noisy atmosphere. Steak is the specialty and the waiter brings a tray of meat from which you select your steak.

Note: Neither of us has eaten at the above San Diego restaurants, nor at Sam's near Lake Tahoe, but we have it on good authority that they are all worthwhile.

This is getting a bit long so we'll stop here. If you visit an area not covered here, let us know how you did on your culinary explorations! □

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Away From It All

By Helen Cook

Two reasons convinced me it was justifiable to deviate somewhat this month from the usual theme of "Away From It All." Normally I try to give information on interesting places to visit but, as the theme for this issue of CLASSMATE is travel, the entire magazine is full of good ideas on this subject. The secondary function of this feature is, I believe, to help you make the absolute most of your free time by, when possible, providing you with information on time and money-saving sources; therefore, I decided to concentrate on that aspect this month. My search led me to the NPS Recreation Office.

Situated in the basement of Herrmann Hall, the Rec Office provides an undreamed of wealth of information and, in some cases, discount tickets for various attractions in California. If you are planning a trip why not take the time now to visit the Rec Office and get all the available data? This will enable you to plan your itinerary in advance and utilize your time to its fullest advantage when you reach the destination of your choice.

Should you plan to visit San Francisco, for instance, you can pick up a street map, hotel/motel guide, a visitor's guide listing some 50 varied and interesting things and places to see and visit in and around the city, and numerous brochures for attractions (mainly on the wharf).

Skiing enthusiasts have a shelf full of books that they can browse through to help them decide where they should go to break a leg, enjoy the apres ski or even, in some cases, just have a great time skiing! These books give detailed information on accommodations available, suites, chalets, etc. One thing I did discover was that it is possible to have a relatively inexpensive weekend, particularly if one shares the experience with some friends. A chalet at Lake Tahoe, which sleeps eight, costs approximately \$35 (winter rate — summer rates become effective June 15th and holidays). This is the lower end of the price scale with rates

going up from there. When you decide on the date of your trip, the Recreation Office can give you information on what's available (shows, etc.) in the area. They also have some discount tickets for local attractions (not shows).

Those of you who choose to head south seem to come out the financial winners as there are discount tickets to be had for a number of popular attractions at savings ranging from 10% to 40%. I'm sure no parent is allowed to leave this coast without visiting Disneyland at least once, and I'm happy to report that this is one instance where you can save 40% by buying your tickets at the Recreation Office. This is a trip I heartily recommend to everyone regardless of age. We first visited Disneyland when I was expecting our first child, and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. My favorite ride was, much to my husband's dismay, the Matterhorn, where his pleasure was dimmed somewhat by the fear of his suddenly having to act as midwife! Perhaps out of consideration for your husbands, those of you expecting the stork could give the Matterhorn a miss, but you can still have a wonderful time.

The other tickets available are for Movieland Wax Museum, Buena Park, Magic Mountain, Universal Studios, Hollywood, Knott's Berry Farm, and in San Diego — Zoofari and Sea World.

Camping fans are not forgotten by the Recreation Department. In addition to the reference books which give extensive information on sites and facilities statewide, there is also the Gear Issue Room to help would-be campers on their way. Located in Bldg. 239 (next door to the Child Care Center) you can rent, at a nominal charge, any or all equipment necessary for a camping trip. As I've said, the cost is nominal: for instance, a sleeping bag rents for 50 cents, a stove for 25 cents and a trailer for \$5.00. You can get a list from the Gear Issue Room showing all the available equipment and their charges.

Apart from the discount tickets already mentioned there are some for: Marine World Africa USA, Redwood City; San Francisco Bay Cruise; Beach and Boardwalk, Santa Cruz; Great America, Santa Clara; Frontier Village, San Jose.

A word of caution, however, when visiting the NPS Recreation Office. If the information you need is not forthcoming, please ask to see the books they have on the area or activity in which you are interested.

The Recreation Office at Fort Ord offers similar facilities with one outstanding exception. There are weekend and one-day tours regularly offered. These are normally publicized a month or two in advance in all post papers and leaflets distributed to the Commissary, Exchange, etc. Upcoming tours include Yosemite National Park, Lake Tahoe, Hearst Castle, Marine World and Disneyland, as well as a regular once-a-month trip to San Francisco.

For baseball fans there is a tour being organized which seems to be an extraordinarily good value. This is a one-day trip to games of the San Francisco Giant's and Oakland A's. The cost, which covers admission to the game, is \$6.50. The tours run from May 15th through September 11th. Further information on this and all tours may be obtained by calling 242-3092.

I was also told by the Tour and Travel section at the above number that they will be happy to locate information for you which is not already in their files and which you are unable to locate yourself.

Hopefully this information will be of some use to you when planning your trip. By all means, do try to get out and see some of the wonderful sights available to you here in California. Have a good time, and who knows, if you travel far enough from Monterey, you may even be able to enjoy the luxury of a ten-minute shower once again. □

INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE

By Carolyn Quinn

International Day got underway at noon on Saturday, 2 April, when the International students and their families turned King Hall into a gigantic restaurant. Students from some 20 countries displayed artifacts and crafts, made available travel information and offered an extensive menu of delicious food indigenous to their homelands. The food disappeared quickly as crowds gathered to sample such delicacies as Japanese chicken teriyaki; Turkish doner kebabs; Portuguese rumpsteak served with wine; Korean-style hamburger, rice cakes and fried wontons; Thai and Indonesian fish dishes; Spanish omelettes; Australian vegemite; Norwegian goat cheese and flatbread. There were numerous dessert offerings as well including Argentine milk



American farm couple, portrayed by Dean and Barbara Taylor, in their pursuit of the "Possible Dream" — a trip around the world. Swept along from country to country through slides, movies, songs and dances, one's imagination came alive and the longing to travel was felt.

This feeling was maintained throughout the evening as the graceful, colorful dances of Indonesia, Thailand, Japan and Korea contrasted with the lively folk dances of Portugal, Germany, Greece, Turkey and Israel. All were excellently performed in beautiful, brightly colored

native dress. At times the audience was caught up in the excitement and shouted and clapped their hands with the folk music and dances.

More tranquil, but equally entertaining presentation was made by Australia, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, Canada, Saudi Arabia, the U.K., the U.S., Iran and Spain who showed slides and movies of their cities, countrysides, flora and fauna.



jam, Greek Easter cookies, Iranian almond candy, Canadian cakes and breads, and sweets and coffee from Brazil.

The students, many in colorful native dress, were eager to discuss their countries and to explain the displays. The afternoon was not only fattening, but also very enjoyable and educational.

International Day continued Saturday evening with a cultural variety show presented by the students and their families at King Hall. The audience joined an



The audience became involved once again when Norway presented a skit on the fairytale, "The Three Billiekins." Everyone cheered when good triumphed over evil at the end of the skit.

The evening ended on a note of hope when representatives of each nation, in uniform and holding their flags, filed onto the stage as a symbol of peace and brotherhood throughout the world. It was a beautiful and touching tribute to humanity. □



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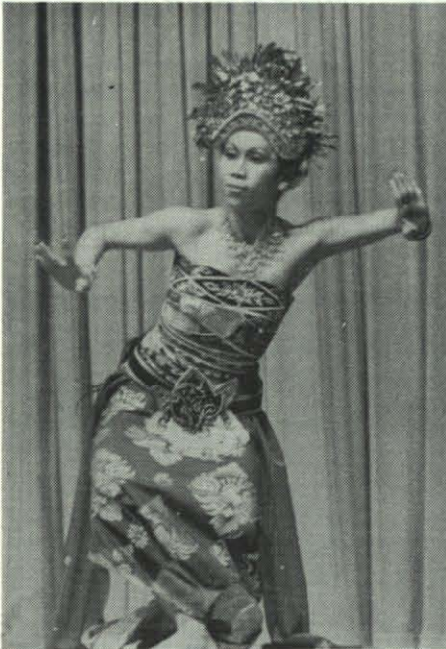
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Where It's Happening

By Linda Shoaff

May 2-8
Mon.-Sun.

California State Tennis Open at Pebble Beach. General admission is \$3 for watching play action, Thurs.-Sun.



May 5
Thurs.

OSWC's **Wives' Guided Tour** of NPS begins at 12:30 p.m. on the Quarterdeck of Herrmann Hall. Tea will be served at the quarters of Mrs. Linder at 2:30 p.m.

May 7, 8,
14, 15
Sat., Sun.

Hidden Valley Opera Ensemble, Carmel Valley, presents *Transformations*. Tickets are \$6.50, and reservation information may be obtained by calling 659-3115. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. on Sat. and 2:30 p.m. on Sun.

May 11
Wed.

Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services conducts a **House and Drought Garden Tour**, which will emphasize the "survival garden." Show houses will be located in the Pebble Beach and Skyline Forest areas. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a tea served from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Robert Louis Stevenson School in Pebble Beach. Tour tickets are \$5 and may be obtained at entrance gates to Pebble Beach.

May 12-14,
18-21,
Thurs.-Sat.

MPC Players present *Inquest* at the MPC Main Stage. Showtime is 8:30 p.m., and general admission tickets (\$2) may be obtained at the door.

May 13, 14,
20, 21, 27,
28 Fri., Sat.

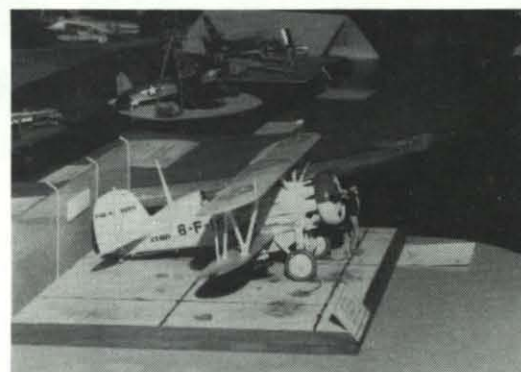
Naval Postgraduate School Little Theatre returns to the 50's and puts on the musical *Bye Bye Birdie*. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. in King Hall. Tickets will be sold at the Student Mail Center and at the door. Reservations can also be made by calling 649-1438.

May 14
Sat.

Los Lupenos, a Mexican folkdance and music company, presents a dance concert at 8:00 p.m. in the MPC gymnasium. Admission is \$2 at the door.

May 14, 15
Sat., Sun.

Third Annual Cypress Scale Model Show. Hundreds of miniature planes, ships, machines, and figures will be on display from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you want to enter a model, call Space Age Hobbies at 375-4351. If you just want to be a spectator, the place to go is Pacific Grove High School (Multi-purpose room), 615 Sunset Dr., P.G. Free admission.



May 15
Sun.

Monterey Peninsula Chamber Music Society presents the *Ensemble Award Concert*. Young musicians (no older than 25 years.) who competed on Sat., the 14th, and won, will give a concert of classical and contemporary pieces. The time is 3 p.m. and the place is Sunset Center, Carmel. The box office opens at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults; \$2.50 for students.

May 15
Sun.

Pony Club Horse Show, Pebble Beach Equestrian Center, Pebble Beach (Portola Road). Competition begins at 9 a.m. and is \$10 for competitors, free for spectators. Events include dressage, cross-country jumping, and stadium jumping.

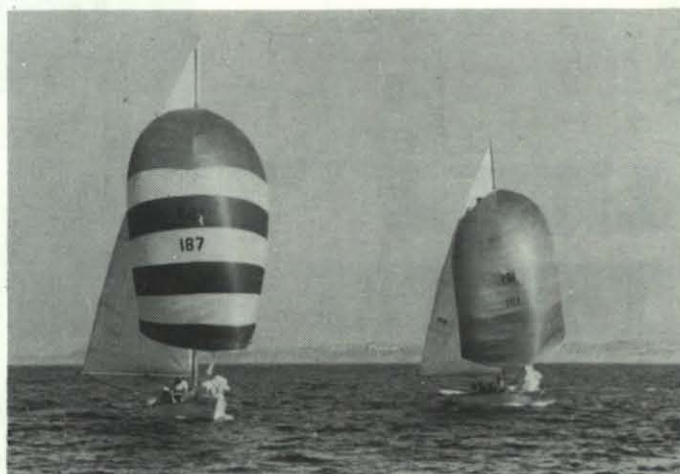
May 18
Wed.

Kids' movie at Monterey Youth Center (777 Pearl St.) — Walt Disney's *Toby Tyler*. The show begins at 4 p.m. and the \$.75 admission includes a bag of popcorn. Other refreshments are on sale.

May 19
Thurs.

OSWC Tour of Homes and Brunch. The tour of homes on the NPS grounds will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Brunch will be served in La Novia Terrace room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to give everyone a chance to sit, eat, and relax before viewing more homes in La Mesa from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 for members of OSWC and \$3.50 for non-members. Reservations must be made by May 12 by calling Karen Ashim (649-8307) or Cheryl Howe (649-1991).

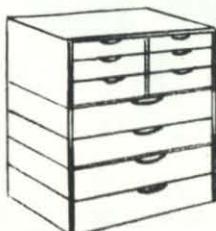
- May 21 Sat. The film *Days and Nights in the Forest* will be shown at the MPC Music Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$1 at the door.
- May 22 Sun. MPC College Chorus and College Singers give a free concert at 8:15 p.m. in the MPC Music Hall.
- May 22 Sun. **13th Annual Pops Concert**, conducted by Haymo Taeuber and sponsored by the Monterey County Symphony Guild, will begin at 2 p.m. at the Monterey Fairgrounds. The gates open at noon, and everyone is invited to bring a picnic lunch. Tickets (sold at the gate) are \$3 for general admission, \$1.50 for students through high school, and free for children under 12 years. Reserve section tickets are \$7.50 and \$5.
- May 27-29 Fri.-Sun. **Antique show** at the Monterey County Fairgrounds.
- May 28 Sat. **Bargain Fair**, La Mesa School, 10 a.m.
- May 28-30 Sat.-Mon. **Arts and Crafts Fair** sponsored by the University for Man and Associated Students of MPC. Time is 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat. and Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon. The fair will be located in the Carmel Center Mall, Highway 1 and Rio Road.
- May 28-30 Sat.-Mon. **NSA Biswanger Regatta**, Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.
- May 29 Sun. **Del Monte Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show**, Collins Polo Field, Pebble Beach.



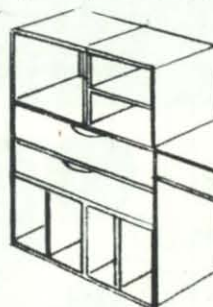
May 29-30 Sun., Mon. **Commodore's Regatta**, Stilwater Cove.

In addition to the special events that appear in this column, I would like to point out that there are many activities available all year. For example, all lady golfers are invited to join the NPS Women's Golf Association. The gals get together every week on Wednesdays, first starting time being at 8:30 a.m., for a fun game of golf, and the weekly tournaments vary. There is also a Tennis Association, bowling leagues, etc. Detailed information can be obtained from the Recreation Office, and while there, you might ask about all the craft shops available for use at Fort Ord and the Presidio. I personally have taken the ceramics and porcelain classes and hope to take advantage of more before leaving this area. Since our husbands stay busy, we may as well do the same!□

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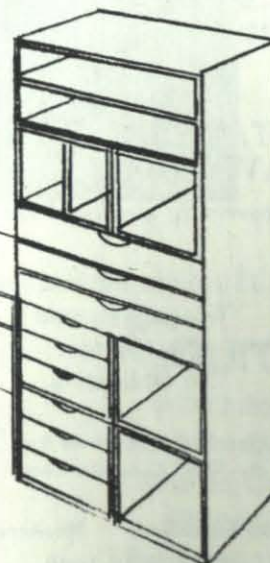
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LITTLE THEATRE

By Linda Crow

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Performance dates are May 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28th at 8:30 p.m. in King Hall. Tickets can be purchased Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by the Student Mail Center in Herrmann Hall. For advance reservations, call 649-1438. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on performance nights.

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rapher, Lucretia Butler; and the musical director, DeLoss Garland; are all professionals. Their expertise lends that special polish which makes the magic work. Members of the hard-working production staff are: Producer, Linda Crow (how did I get roped into this!); Stage Manger, Sandy Snodderly; Assistant Director, Rudy Rafanelli; Set Designer, Donald (Red) Layton; Lighting Designer, Jack Peeke; Sound, Rudy Rafanelli; Properties, Mary Scallorns; Costumes, Bev Hodson; Make-Up, Milly Kunz; Tickets, Barbe Kaelberer; Publicity, Dian Russell and Fred Zeile; House Manager, Paul Trujillo.

All cast members are stupendous and deserve special recognition. The leads are played by Chris Barbor, Lawrence Kieffer, Lou Chapman, Leslie Zeile, David Brockway, Carol Benefiel, Ed Mahon, Greg Tibbits and Mary Mahon. Other members of the multi-talented cast are: Mary Kaelberer, Lissa Mahon, Sandy Harrison, Lisa Burroughs, Lenny Stiles, Donald (Red) Layton, Maureen Cummings, Sharon Jones, John Curry, Linda Crow, Linda Jirovec, Larry Sparks, Linda Peterson, Wendy Godfrey, Loren Mahon, Laura Meehan, Maureen Zilliox, Clifford Pae, David Butts, David Straw, Mike Scallorns, T.J. Wirth, Jay Turner, Kiendal Burritt, Jill Firse, Karen Firse, Laura Jarrell, Amy Siembieda, Judith Westhoff, Susan Westhoff, Christy Thompson, Kelleen McCormack, Stacy Campbell, Heather Kunz and Susan Ball. □



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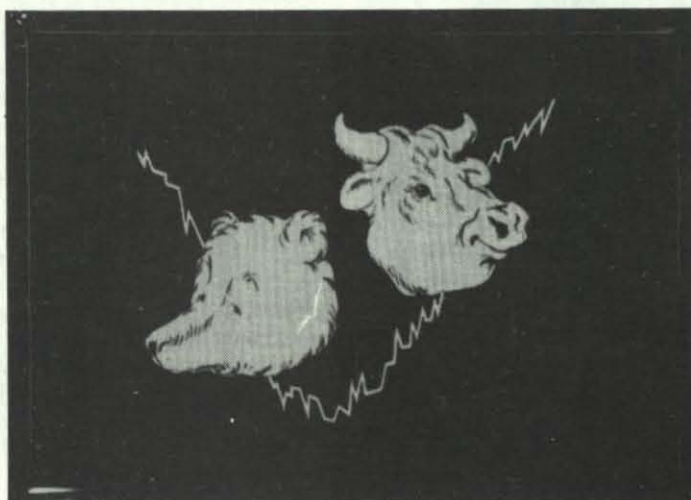
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Live Wire

By Carol Burgess
and Ann Sharp

Legal-Ease

By LT David Laredo

Q. Although most of us in La Mesa are doing our best to conserve water, one neighbor insists on hose washing his car, and sometimes those of his friends as well! We've complained to him, but he ignores us. What should we do?

A. LIVEWIRE contacted Chief Carpino of the NPS Security Force. The Chief suggests that anyone having knowledge of water waste in La Mesa Village or at NPS call the Security Office (646-2555), or the Fire Department (646-2334), and they will take care of a problem. LIVEWIRE would like to take this opportunity to remind our readers that La Mesa Village residents are under the same restrictions as other Monterey residents. Even the 50 gallon per person per day allotment may not be used to sprinkle lawns or wash cars.

Q. Moving vans and other commercial vehicles are speeding in La Mesa Village. What is Security doing about it?

A. Chief Carpino says that Security Officers with radar units will be patrolling La Mesa Village to catch speeders. The Chief also mentioned that the Security Force is interested in hearing from Housing residents, so if you have a complaint or a suggestion (or a compliment) give them a call (646-2555).

Q. I have heard that fencing is available from the housing office.

A. LIVEWIRE checked with Mr. Pooler at the housing office. He tells us that the housing office does not normally have fencing but may have some on an irregular basis or may know of some that can be had for the work of removing it. However no list is kept so anyone seeking fencing or wishing to get rid of any fencing should call the office.

Q. Why must the lines be so long to check out at the Exchange?

A. There is no space for an additional register at this time, says LCDR Jones; however the possibility of a new layout is being explored, and peak hour staffing is under study. This should result in reduced waiting time.□

Q. I have had a long standing dispute with X Company with regard to the amount of a refund to which I am entitled. Today, I received a check in the amount that X Company is willing to pay, but which is far less than I feel is due me. On this check are words to the effect, "endorsement constitutes full settlement of your stated account." Will I jeopardize my claim by cashing this check?

A. Yes, without a doubt. This amounts to an accord and satisfaction. An accord is an agreement to accept, in extinction of an obligation, something different or less than that to which the person is entitled. The acceptance by you of that check extinguishes the obligation, and is called satisfaction. Technically, the accord substitutes a new contract for the previously existing contract or debt. An accord and satisfaction will result even when you do not cash the check and retain it, uncashed, for an unreasonable length of time without protest.

Q. Does this mean that I can no longer claim the full amount to which I feel I am due?

A. No. So long as you do not accept the check, the old obligation will remain in force. It is possible for you to retain the check, without cashing it, and still not relinquish your claim so long as you give X Company prompt notice of your refusal to accept it as payment in full. Should X Company then demand their check back, however, it must be returned.

Q. Can't I just notify X Company that I am accepting their payment on account, and crediting this amount against their total debt?

A. No. The check must be rejected unequivocally, or it will be deemed a valid accord and satisfaction.

Q. What is to stop someone who pays his bills with checks made for one-half the amount due? Wouldn't this also be an accord and satisfaction, and an easy way to pay one's bills?

A. It sounds simple, but an essential element of an accord and satisfaction would be missing. Recall that you had an *honest dispute* with X Company with regard to the amount due you. A bona fide dispute in good faith must be shown. If a debtor who *definitely* owes a certain sum sends a smaller sum with the accompanying statement that it is intended as full payment, the creditor may accept it because it is due. His mere acceptance does not amount to an accord and satisfaction; he has not jeopardized the remainder of his account. Note, however, that the existence of a bona fide dispute is a question of fact which will be determined by an independent third party. Failure to establish this fact would result in a relinquishment of the remainder of one's claim.□

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GREEK CUISINE

By Alice Mitsakos-Mavraganis, M.D.

Reading in the previous issue of the CLASSMATE about the impression the Greek food at "Captain Jacques" made, I thought some of you might like to have the recipes. In case you decide to struggle with Greek cuisine, however, keep in mind that housewives there spend an average of three hours a day in their kitchens! This is the reason restaurants and taverns are a booming business disregarding any economic crisis. Anyway, here they are. . .

DOLMADES

- 1 pound ground meat
- ½ cup rice
- 1 tablespoon parsley finely chopped (or dried)
- 1 medium onion finely chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 1 jar grape (vine) leaves

Mix first five ingredients. Wrap about 1 teaspoon of the ground meat mixture in each vine leaf, and place them properly in order in a casserole. Add 2 cups water, put a plate on top (so they will not split open when cooked), cover and cook for about 40 minutes at medium heat.

AVGOLEMONO SAUCE

This sauce can be used over "dolmades," pork with lettuce, the classic soup, etc.

- 2 eggs
 - Juice of ½ to 1 lemon depending on taste
- Beat the eggs, add the lemon juice, and while continuously beating add 1 spoonful at a time of *hot liquid* from the main dish (dolmades, soup, etc.). When you have added about 10-15 spoonfuls pour the mixture over the main dish. Do not boil, or the eggs will clog.

PORK WITH LETTUCE

A piece of pork depending on servings to yield

- 2 romaine lettuces, chopped
- 2 bunches fresh (green) onions, chopped
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- Salt and pepper

Brown the meat in some oil or shortening, and add the onions. When they are tender add the remaining ingredients and cook until done.

CREAM SAUCE

- 2 tablespoons Crisco shortening
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3 cups milk
- 2 eggs
- Salt, pepper, and a dash of nutmeg

When the shortening has melted, add flour and cook on medium-high heat for about five minutes. Add milk slowly while stirring vigorously. Remove from heat and add eggs, salt, pepper, and nutmeg, stirring until smooth and well-blended.

GROUND MEAT SAUCE

- 1 pound ground meat
- 1 large or 2 small finely chopped onions
- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped (fresh or dried)
- 1 can tomatoes, chopped
- salt and pepper

Brown the ground meat and the onions. Add the rest of the ingredients and cook over medium heat for approximately 45 minutes.

You can use this sauce for moussaka, pastitsio, on plain spaghetti, meat pie, etc.

MOUSSAKA

- Cream sauce
- Ground meat sauce
- 1 large eggplant
- 8 medium squashes
- 3 medium potatoes

Sauté the vegetables cut in slices about ½ inch thick. Layer a 9x12 pan alternately with vegetables, starting with the potatoes, and ground meat. Top with the cream sauce, and bake in medium oven for approximately 45 minutes.

PASTITSIO

- Cream sauce
- Ground meat sauce
- 1 pound cooked spaghetti
- Grated cheese

Combine spaghetti, meat, and cheese in a 9x12 pan. Top with cream sauce, and bake in medium oven for approximately 45 minutes. □





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Lake Tahoe — “Big Water in the Sky”

By Filomena Sittler

If your family has been torn apart trying to decide where to spend the summer break, then consider the one place that's bound to please everyone — Lake Tahoe. It not only has camping, boating, and hiking for outdoorsmen but also gambling, big-name entertainment, and fine restaurants for indoor types.

Located in the High Sierras on the border between California and Nevada (about a 5½-hour drive from Monterey), Lake Tahoe was originally a fishing haunt of the Washoe Indians. The story goes that Tahoe is the Washoe word for “big water” or “water in a high place,” and that it is. The lake is 22 miles long, 12 miles wide, and at an elevation of 6,228 feet above sea level.

The highway that circumvents it is dotted with small resort towns and state parks. Among them they provide opportunities for enjoying almost every type of outdoor activity. Along the shore there are sandy beaches for swimming (if you're hardy enough to brave the cold water) and about 20 marinas where you can either rent a boat or launch your own and water ski, fish, or just relax on the lake. There are also trails for backpacking, hiking, and horseback riding. There are even nine golf courses.

Beyond the immediate coastline, Lake Tahoe is almost surrounded by three large national forests — Toiyabe to the east, Tahoe to the northwest, and Eldorado to the southwest. They combine hundreds of thousands of acres of rugged forestland with man-made recreation facilities.

In addition, the Eldorado National Forest contains the Lake Tahoe Visitor Center. Located on Route 89 between Camp Richardson and Emerald Bay on the lake's southwestern shore, the center sponsors orientation programs and is the

origin for naturalist-conducted trips and self-guided nature walks. One of these walks leads down into the Taylor Creek Stream Profile Chamber. Here you can look through glass windows and see the underwater activity of a flowing mountain stream. Admission is free and the center is open daily in summer.

The largest of the resort towns along Tahoe's coast is South Lake Tahoe. As its name suggests, it is located on the southernmost end of the lake near the Nevada border. As the center of the Lake Tahoe tourist industry, it contains about 200 motels and countless restaurants. The restaurant fare ranges from carry-out pizzas to Chateaubriand. And if you're really adventurous (I wasn't brave enough), you can take the tram from the Heavenly Valley Ski Area up the slopes to the Top of the Tram restaurant, where you can not only have dinner but get a great view of the area.

The buildings along Highway 50 are so continuous that it's hard to tell where South Lake Tahoe ends and Stateline, Nevada, begins. But even if you miss the small sign that marks the border, the bright lights of the casinos will soon let you know you're in a state with legalized



Lake Tahoe's clear water and beautiful setting is world famous.

gambling. There are six casinos in Stateline. Those at Harrah's Tahoe, Sahara Tahoe, and Harvey's Resort Hotel are parts of large hotel/restaurant complexes.



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Although Harvey's does have a lounge show, the really big-name entertainers (Frank Sinatra, Paul Anka, Helen Reddy) are found at Harrah's and the Sahara. Listings for who is appearing can be found in the Sunday Entertainment Section of the *San Francisco Chronicle* (The PG School library has a copy.) and at the Tour and Travel Office at Fort Ord. There are toll-free numbers to call for show reservations. If you can't get reservations in advance and you're going to be in the area anyway, call or go to the ticket office once you're in town. Often there are seats still available.

A similar resort area is located on the northern shore of Lake Tahoe; that is, there are motels on the California side of the border and casinos on the Nevada side. It's on a much smaller scale than the southern shore, however.

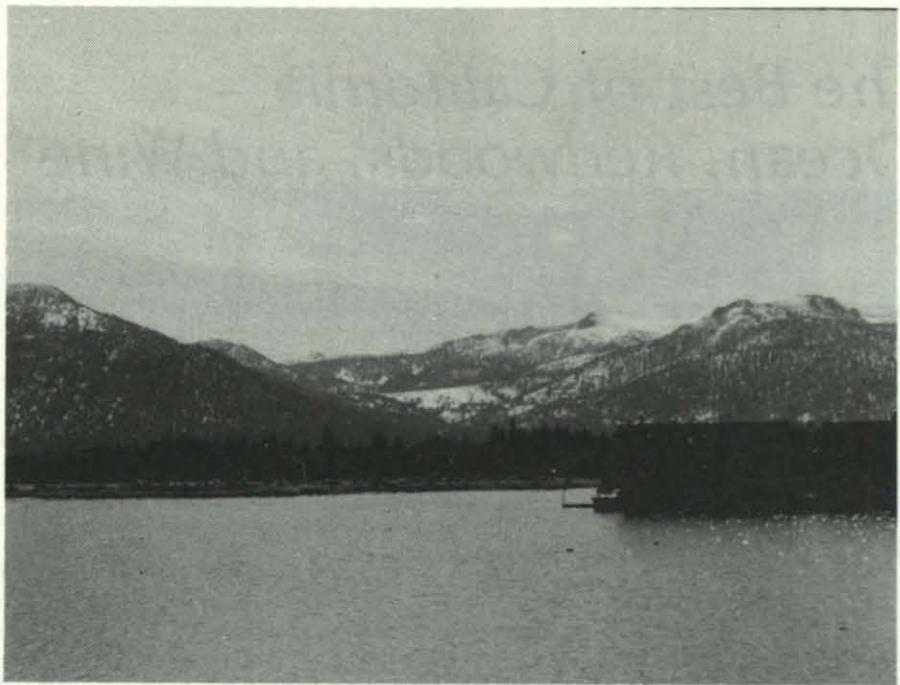
While you're in the area, you can visit other nearby attractions. Vikingsholm, located at the southwest end of Emerald Bay, is a 38-room reproduction of a ninth-century Norse fortress.

The Ponderosa Ranch, in Incline Village on the northeastern shore, recreates the home of the Cartwright family from television's "Bonanza." The ranch is open from May 1 to November 1 and features an amusement area, horseback riding, Western buildings, and exhibits.

About ten miles northwest of the lake along Route 89 is Donner Memorial State Park. The 22-foot-high memorial symbolizes the depth of the snowfall that trapped the Donner party near there during the winter of 1846. The Emigrant Trail Museum tells the story of the Donners and of other early settlers.

Also within driving distance are Virginia City and Reno, Nevada. Virginia City, about 30 miles from South Lake Tahoe, has museums, mansions, and saloons that remind visitors of the town's past glory as a silver and gold mining boom town. Located about 60 miles to the northeast, Reno has gambling casinos and big-name entertainment similar to that of Stateline, Nevada.

As I stated previously, South Lake Tahoe alone has about 200 motels so find-



Heavenly Valley can be seen from the shore of the lake.

ing a place to stay should be no problem. The following five motels give military discounts: Slalom Inn, Sun 'N' Ski Lodge, Easy 8, Pacifica, and the Hacienda. Be sure to tell them you're military when you make the reservations, though. There are additional motels in the other resort towns along the lake.

Near the northern shore, about 30 minutes from Squaw Valley, the Oakland Army Base owns and operates the Kingwood Village Condominium Townhouses. Each of the 18 units has a kitchen, washer and dryer, and sleeps up to eight people. The rates are \$2.50/person weekdays and \$5.00/person weekends and holidays. There are a couple of catches, though. First, if there are less than eight people in your party, the Oakland Recreation Office can assign others to share the condominium with you. (You can avoid this by paying the maximum daily rate — \$20 weekdays and \$40 weekends and holidays.) Second, reservations are taken 60 days in advance from active-duty military personnel as-

signed to Oakland and 45 days in advance from personnel assigned elsewhere.

For those who prefer camping, there are about 25 state, national, and private campgrounds in the vicinity of the lake. The three state camping areas along the lake's shoreline are at Emerald Bay State Park, at the southwestern corner, D.L. Bliss State Park, on the western coast north of Emerald Bay, and Tahoe State Park, on the northwestern shore near Tahoe City. You can make reservations for these and the other five state campgrounds nearby through Ticketron offices. For a complete listing of public and private campsites, check the AAA Camping directory.

If you'd like further information on Lake Tahoe, you can write the local chambers of commerce in North Lake Tahoe (295 North Lake Blvd., Tahoe City, Ca.) and in South Lake Tahoe (Highway 50, South Lake Tahoe, Ca.) or call the South Lake Tahoe Visitor Center (toll-free 800-648-3333). The center provides weather reports, campground listings, and can make motel reservations for you. They also send out copies of the *Tahoe Travel Almanac*, which gives listings of show schedules, motels, and local attractions. The Tour and Travel Section of the Fort Ord Recreation Office has plenty of information, too.

If you can't make it there this summer, don't despair. There's lots to do in the winter season. The casinos, restaurants and entertainment are still around, and summer outdoor activities are replaced by winter ones — downhill and cross-country skiing, tobogganing, sledding, ice skating, and snow-mobiling. After all, it's not too soon to start thinking about the winter break. □

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The Best of California – Ocean, Redwoods, and Wine

By Lari Johnson

Two uniquely "California" attractions are the redwoods and wine country, and neither should be missed during your tour in this area of California. My husband Charlie and I took a trip last September that not only included both of these areas but encompassed rugged coasts, secluded beaches, rolling pastures, meandering rivers, historic forts, and quaint villages. Our route followed Highway 1 from San Francisco north to Leggett, Highway 101 to Humboldt Redwoods State Park, then 101 south to the Sonoma Valley. From there, we detoured to Napa Valley, and ultimately returned to San Francisco. This giant circle route has something for everyone.

Since the Muir Woods, our first stop, and the Sonoma Coast, our second, have been expertly covered elsewhere in this issue, I'll begin at the Mendocino Coast. Continuing north on Highway 1, the road follows the rocky coast to Mendocino, a quaint village struggling to maintain its charm against the onslaught of developers and too many tourists. Avoid the summer and weekend crowds and you'll find a small town filled with old Victorian



homes, many curio shops and art galleries, and a few fine inns and restaurants. Our room had once been the parlor of a large home and came complete with sconces, chandeliers, a fireplace and bath-down-the-hall.

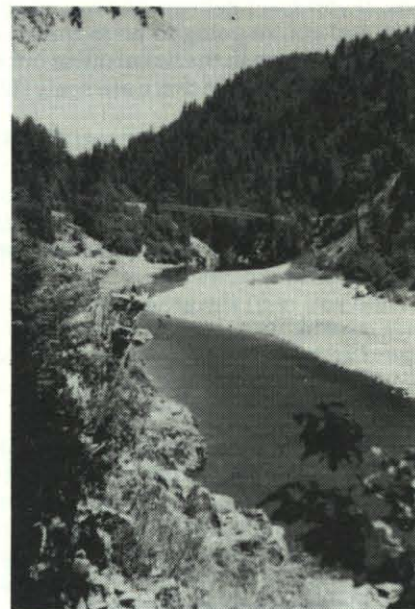
Continuing north, the rugged coastal views seem even more breathtaking, but begin to give way to rolling hills as Highway 1 veers inland. Stop at Fort Bragg, still a logging town, to visit the logging mill and ride the Skunk, a steam-powered locomotive which winds through the redwoods to Willits. Check the schedule in advance, as it runs only once a day except in summer.

Past Fort Bragg, the ocean seems angry, pounding and choppy as if insulted that you will no longer be dazzled by its power and beauty as you turn inland.

Highways 1 and 101 merge at Leggett. Continue north to Humboldt Redwoods State Park and the Avenue of the Giants. Here the old Redwood Highway parallels 101 and the drive is spectacular. The awesome giant redwoods stand majestic and silent as a powerful reminder of California's past, when a carpet of redwoods 30 miles wide and 450 miles long covered the state from the Santa Lucia Mountains south of Monterey to southern Oregon. Stop the car and listen to the silence — a thick layer of needles muffles every sound. It is a tremendous experience! There is much to see along the Avenue of the Giants and in the surrounding redwood groves. Maps and brochures are available at the numerous campgrounds and ranger stations.

After several hours and several short hikes into the woods, we turned south onto 101. Even this route is dramatic, following the path of the Eel River through redwood forests, curving and snaking through the hills. The Eel River is a popular recreation area, abounding in campgrounds and parks with fishing, swimming and picnic facilities. There are numerous redwood vendors along the route as well, and we found the prices very reasonable.

Around Ukiah, the wineries and vineyards begin to appear as the terrain again becomes gently rolling hills. We tried to visit every winery — and almost succeeded! Tasting (and touring at a few) at Parducci, Weibel, Geyser Peak, Italian Swiss Colony, Kenwood, Korb, Simi, Souverain, Dry Creek, Johnsons' (of course) Alexander Valley, Hop Kiln, and Chateau St. Jean increased our apprecia-



The Eel River snakes through the redwoods.

tion for the fair grape and our admiration for the cellar masters whose techniques are as diverse as the men themselves. We highly recommend Dry Creek, Kenwood, Johnson's Alexander Valley and Korb. The first three are small, family-operated wineries producing outstanding wines. The owners take the time to explain the intricacies of wine-making to visitors personally. Korb is larger, but the drive to reach it is lovely. Its ivy-covered stone champagne cellar is over 100 years old. This and the interesting history of the vineyard make the visit worthwhile.

Our policy has been to visit the smaller wineries first, for it is here that we have felt most welcome, received the best advice and information, and tasted the finest wines. Most wineries are open to visitors for tasting and sales, some in-

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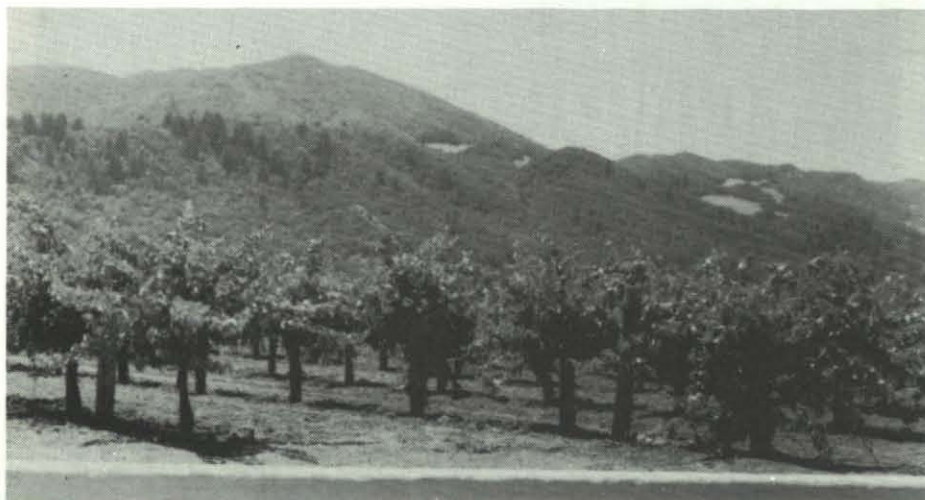
clude formal or informal tours. The Sonoma County Wineries Visitors' Guide or Sunset's *California Wine Country* provide details.

Napa Valley is easily reached from Sonoma Valley by a variety of routes. St. Helena Highway (SR 29) is the major artery through the Napa Valley and most wineries are located right along this road. Although Napa is more famous than Sonoma for its wineries, many are now large conglomerates that do not offer the charm, nor the expert advice of the smaller wineries. However, we did find a gem in V. Sattui, very small and very good!

In Napa, we tasted at Robert Mondavi (guided tour also), Inglenook, Beaulieu, Franciscan, V. Sattui, Sutter Home, Louis Martini, Beringer, and Sterling. We avoided Charles Krug and Christian Bros. as both were crowded and we were already familiar with their wines. Stonegate is not open for tasting but produces excellent wines.



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Several of the Napa cellars are over 100 years old and the stone buildings are reminiscent of European manors. An unusual departure from this is Sterling Winery, perched atop a hill near Calistoga. The architecture is decidedly Mediterranean, with white stucco walls, high arches and beautiful tile mosaics. Access is solely by tram and the fee includes tram, self-tour and tasting.

We spent several days in the Sonoma and Napa Valleys and strongly advise not trying to taste everything at every winery in one or two days. Be selective. Choose one or two whites and one or two reds and taste the same wine at each winery as a means of comparison. Take along some crackers, cheese and water. Wine can work up an enormous thirst, especially in warm weather.

Motel accommodations throughout the trip were plentiful, very nice, and reasonable, as were the restaurants. There are other attractions along the route, several geared to families and/or children. Campgrounds, state and county parks are in abundance. The trip home could include a few days in San Francisco as well.

All in all, this circle tour around Northern California is a great way to enjoy the best that California has to offer. □

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Yosemite, the Magic Valley

By Carol Burgess



North Dome is a famous Yosemite landmark.

available. If all that doesn't strike you as relaxing, a motor coach tour is also available.

In the winter, sledding, ice skating, skiing, and even "sleigh" rides may be enjoyed. The Badger Pass Ski Area, in addition to a double chair lift, T-bar, snack bar, and day lodge, has a child care center.

Sleds, snow saucers and ice skates may be rented at Curry Village, where the skating rink is located. Yosemite's valley floor winter campground is a favorite place to try out winter camping equipment, within easy reach of warm shelter if something should go wrong.



The Cathedral Spires rise over Yosemite Valley.

Whether you are looking for a week or more of relaxation over break or just want to get away for the weekend, Yosemite beckons. Only 204 miles from Monterey, the "magic valley" offers a variety of attractions year-round. Waterfalls abound and the grand scale of the towering granite cliffs and domes seems to make everyday problems melt into insignificance. Giant Sequoias may be seen in the Mariposa Grove at the south end of the park, and you can get a taste of the High Sierras at Tuolumne Meadows; these areas are easily accessible by car or train.

Spring and early summer are the best times to see the waterfalls, and in summer the park's naturalist program swings into high gear. Nature walks, lectures, field trips and evening campfire programs are available. Bicycles may be rented for a pleasant ride over the level valley floor, and guided or plan-it-yourself hikes of all degrees of difficulty

are possible. Saddle horses may be rented and breakfast rides, guided rides, and pack trips into the high country are



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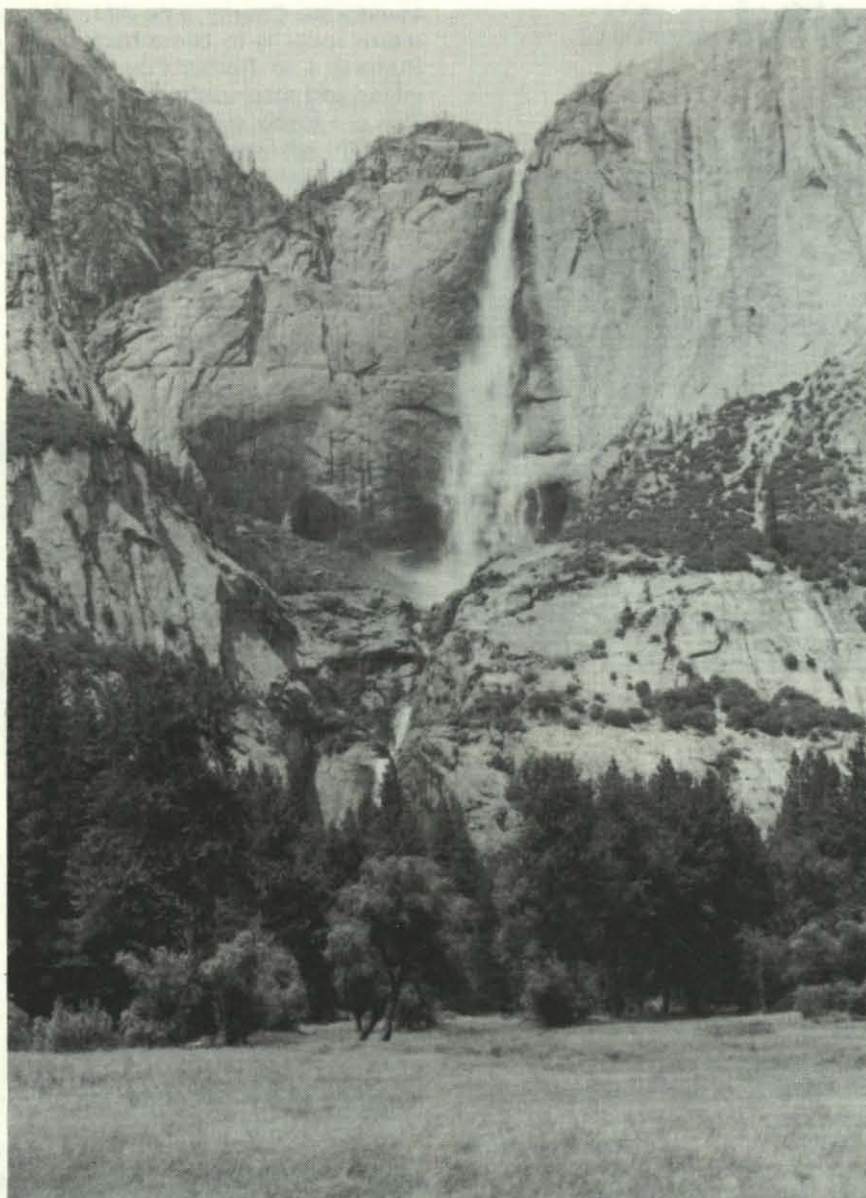
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Rugged and Beautiful — the Sonoma Coast

By Nancy Lemke

The Sonoma County Coast is one of the lesser visited, and most beautiful, beach areas in California. Only a four to five-hour drive from Monterey, it is well worth the driving hassle of getting around San Francisco to discover the peace and solitude of these ocean beaches.

From Petaluma on US 101 take the Bodega Avenue turn off and follow the signs to Bodega Bay on Highway 1. Bodega Bay is a fishing town situated on a picturesque, well-protected harbor. Charter boats are available for fishing forays or you can watch them come in and unload their catches between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily. For a breathtaking view of the bay leave Highway 1 to follow the shoreline road out to Bodega Head.

Continuing north on Highway 1 are fourteen miles of state beaches. They offer camping, picnic areas, and hiking trails. Fishing is permitted.

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The Russian River emptying into the ocean marks the northernmost end of the Sonoma Coast Park. From there the coastline gets rougher and wilder and much more interesting to many. It is also more isolated. There are few roads back to the inland highways, and most of them are related to goat trails. Highway 1 itself becomes narrower and very tortuous as it follows the sudden ins and outs of the coastline. The scenery is unforgettably spectacular, but the driving is slow and tiring. So, plan a lazy day of sight-seeing,



Historic Fort Ross Chapel



Old California can still be found along the state's North coast.

and don't expect to make any time through here.

Ft. Ross State Historic Park is a must to see. It was built in the early nineteenth century as an outpost for Russian hunters who killed sea otters by the thousands for their pelts. The architecture of the chapel is unique. It is very Russian yet extremely contemporary, making a pleasing sight. The walk from the parking lot to the actual fort will give your legs a nice stretch.

Beyond Ft. Ross is Stillwater County Park. Scuba diving is popular there, and picnic sites are available.

Further north Salt Point State Park also offers diving along with secluded campsites, hiking trails, and good access to the beach.

Stewart's Point is a tiny community. About the only visible aspect of it is an old store. Going inside it is like a visit to grandfather's time. It's dusty and stuffy and complete with old wooden show-cases. Farming and camping equipment hangs from the ceiling.

In sharp contrast to this quaintness the Sea Ranch is a showplace for innovative architecture. This is a twelve-mile strip of privately owned land along some of the most spectacular, rocky shoreline anywhere. The houses are the vacation homes of wealthy San Franciscans and permanent residences for some notable artists and writers.

The Sea Ranch Lodge offers lovely overnight accommodations for a lovely price. However, it is well worth it to be able to take advantage of the quiet but powerful views in this area.

Gualala is the final stop on this tour. It has motels and a decent grocery store. (Both are rare on this coastline.) The old Gualala Hotel offers satisfactory dining and a touch of old-time charm.

If you don't wish to continue north into


Mendocino County, a possible alternate return route is to come back south on Highway 1 to Timber Cove Road. Turn inland and then south onto Seaview Rd. This is a lovely country lane that meanders through farm country lined with old, lichen-covered sheep fences. It's a good break from the twisting of Highway 1. It turns into Meyers Grade which takes you back to Highway 1 with an awesome panorama of the entire coastline. Just south of Jenner take Highway 116 inland along the Russian River. This is a pleasant trip in itself. The resort area around Guerneville was the Sea Ranch of the



Sea Ranch homes along the coast offer exciting architectural designs.

1900's. It is now nicely delapidated and offers many motels. Canoes are available for paddling along the cool, tree-shaded river. The river is hopping with tourists in the summer, so reservations are strongly advised.

From Guerneville you continue on Route 116 and can take it all the way to 101. Or, if you are tired of two-lane roads, turn onto SR 12 at Sebastopol and take it into Santa Rosa and then 101. □



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Muir Woods and Sausalito

By Jane Johnson

Muir Woods — one of the loveliest monuments in the National Park Service and a favorite of this family, is located 17 miles north of San Francisco via US 101 or Calif. 1 in beautiful Marin County.

Named in honor of famed naturalist and conservationist John Muir, it is a 500 acre redwood forest resplendent with magnificent examples of the once-flourishing giant sequoia, some of which attain heights of over 240 feet.

Although we had visited this redwood preserve numerous times while stationed in Alameda, the prospect of a return trip was a pleasant one indeed. We were especially anxious to reintroduce our 6-year-old son who enjoys nothing so much as a brisk hike through the woods. And if Muir Woods is anything at all, it's a paradise for hikers! There are over 200 miles of trails ranging from the very easy to the very rugged. In the past we had always stuck to the short and simple main trail traversed by the majority of visitors to the park, but this time we ventured onto one of the still short but slightly more rigorous hillside trails. It left mother a trifle winded but young son was



Sausalito marina is home for many of the city's residents. Don't miss the fantastic houseboats which are more mansion than boat.

thrilled with his trek through the forest and can't wait to return!

I wouldn't necessarily recommend making a special trip to San Francisco just to visit Muir Woods unless you plan an all day hike through the park; however, combined with one or more of the many other spots in Marin County, a trip to Muir could be the focal point of a richly interesting day trip from Monterey. For instance, a drive to the top of Mt. Tamalpais (you can also hike to the top through Muir Woods) offers a breathtaking panoramic view of San Francisco and the entire bay area. Since there is no picnicking in Muir Woods, perhaps a drive over to nearby Stinson Beach could provide opportunity for a refreshing swim and a lunch at one of the 100 picnic sites.

Not to be overlooked on the day's itinerary is the delightful Mediterranean-like town of Sausalito. A magnet for artists and craftsmen, this waterfront village is filled with offbeat little shops and galleries, including the Village Fair, a unique combination of shops, courtyards and restaurants housed in a former park-

ing garage built into a hillside. If that doesn't offer any temptation, then the people alone are worth watching from the quaint Vina del Mar plaza.

Sausalito can be reached by taking Highway 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge, following the Sausalito-Marin County exit and then the Alexander Avenue exit right into town.

Muir Woods is open from 8 a.m. to sunset. Pick up brochures on this and other Marin County parks at the Recreation Office. □



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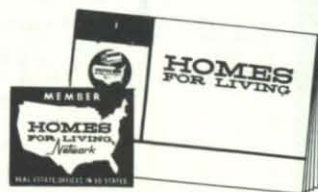
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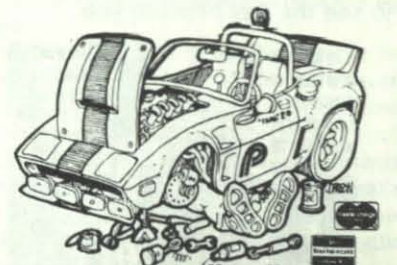
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The City by the Bay – San Francisco

By Mary Mitchell

San Francisco is a beautiful, culturally rich, enjoyable city. It has taken its 46.6 square miles and filled them with so much that one can't help falling in love with it just a little bit. Being only two hours away from Monterey, it's a perfect spot to spend a three-day weekend and come home with money left over!

Before you call me a liar, let me say that although some attractions cost quite a bit, others are very reasonable so it might be wise to write the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1390 Market Street, San Francisco, 94102 or call (415) 626-5500 and request brochures and prices before going so you can plan your trip to fit your preference and budget. Once there, or sooner if you like, dial (415) 391-2000. The voice at the other end provides a two-minute summary of special events, cultural happenings, sports highlights and sightseeing tips 'round-the-clock.

There is no way I could describe all there is to see in San Francisco, but I will mention some interesting attractions we saw and thoroughly enjoyed.

Of course, the first thing one thinks of when San Francisco is mentioned is the Golden Gate Bridge. Don't be surprised when you discover it's red-orange instead of gold. DO be sure either to drive (there's a \$.75 toll) or walk across it (it's about a 3/4 mile walk and there is no toll) and see the bay beneath you.



One thing you can't miss in the bay is Alcatraz — the "Rock." Until recently, all one could do was look at it from a distance and wonder what conditions existed there but in 1973, the 12-acre island was taken over by the National Park Service, which conducts a 90-minute walking tour through the former federal penitentiary. The grim facts of prison life are evident everywhere and you will not come



away untouched. This is a very good tour but be prepared to spend at least three hours (this will cover the boat trip there and back). Be sure to take along warm clothing — it is quite windy on the island. Reservations are necessary and are handled by Harbor Tours, Pier 41, San Francisco, 94133, (415) 398-1141.

Maybe one day you might like to pack a picnic lunch and spend some leisure time

with your family in Golden Gate Park. This park, containing over a thousand acres, is a wealth of attractions. Aside from the countless trees, plants, footpaths, bike paths and playfields, there are a number of museums, exhibit halls and gardens to view. The Japanese Tea Garden, nestled near the park's Asian Art Museum, makes you forget the "outside world" as you enter through its "ro-mon"

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(gate) and wander along paths leading through the many beautiful Oriental shrubs, trees and flowering plants. And, once there, if you feel you can't leave just yet, why not stop in at the gift shop and tea pavillion and enjoy a cup of specially blended tea served by Japanese girls dressed in their native kimonos?

One can't go to San Francisco and not see Fisherman's Wharf! A few attractions here are the *Balclutha*, an historic sailing ship, the last of the Cape Horn Fleet, open to visitors at Pier 43; the San Francisco Maritime Museum; commercial museums, shops, restaurants and yummy "walking" shrimp and crab cocktails! Located at Leavenworth and Jefferson Streets is The Cannery. Once a peach cannery, this building has been refurbished and now houses a shopping and restaurant complex. Frequently, especially on weekends, entertainers perform on the mall. It's not hard to spend quite some time here. Parking spaces at the Wharf are at a premium and lots fill up quickly. We found that by getting there as close to 8 a.m. as possible, we were able to get one rather easily. After that, a lot of time and patience can be lost trying to find someplace to park.

Once you've toured Fisherman's Wharf and your feet tell you they will walk no more, give them and yourself a treat by riding the famous cable car for \$.25 (but be quick to board it or you may end



Union Square in the heart of downtown San Francisco.

up standing) — there's a turntable at the Wharf at Bay and Taylor.

You can get off at Sacramento Street, walk a few blocks east to Grant Avenue and find yourself in Chinatown, the largest Chinese community outside the Orient. Chinatown can only be seen on foot. After exploring Grant Avenue, leave it to visit the small tucked away alleys and you'll find (among other spots) a fortune cookie factory, gift shops, herb dealers and Chinese newspaper offices.

A little off the beaten path at Fifth and Mission Streets, is the Old Mint. It was open to the public in 1973 after being closed for 36 years when in 1937 it was phased out of operation. It now is a museum containing authentically restored period rooms, Old West artifacts, ore and metal exhibits, and in a vault (of course), a pyramid of gold bars valued at a million dollars (five million on the open market). Since you're not allowed to take any of the bars home as a souvenir, why not strike your own souvenir model on an 1869 press?

Last but certainly not least, if you've had your brakes checked recently, be sure to ride down Lombard Street, the crookedest street in the world. It's short, very steep and something you'll remember for a long time.



Don't forget the weather in San Francisco is quite different from our own. Daytime temperatures beside the Golden Gate average 60-65° F. in summer, 46-57° F. in winter and many times it's very windy. Occasionally the mercury may rise to 75° F., but this doesn't happen very often.

Lodging is anything but difficult to find in the San Francisco area. Hotels and motels cater to both large and small budgets — some motels offer units with kitchenettes for those who would rather prepare their own meals instead of eating out. You can receive the San Francisco Hotel-Motel Guide for 1977 by contacting the Visitors Bureau.

Wherever you stay, I sincerely hope you enjoy your visit and will agree with Rudyard Kipling who said, "San Francisco has only one drawback — 'tis hard to leave." □



San Francisco's growing financial district partially obliterates the view of Oakland across the bay.



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Why Not Visit Santa Cruz?

By Janie Le Roy



Santa Cruz's natural bridge has been formed by the ocean's relentless pounding.

If you are looking for a place to take the relatives who are visiting for the third time or a place that has scenery ranging from the ocean to large redwood trees, why not visit Santa Cruz? Located on the northern end of Monterey Bay, Santa Cruz can be reached in 50 minutes by taking Highway 1 north from Monterey. Traveling through rolling farmland with occasional glimpses of the ocean, the drive is highlighted by many fresh vegetable and fruit stands with an array of inseason produce at reasonable prices.

The county of Santa Cruz has devised a scenic route that encompasses the main points of interest. Called the Tree-Sea Tour, the route is clearly marked by signs. A map of the tour may be obtained at the Santa Cruz County Convention and Visitors Bureau located at Church and Center Sts. in Santa Cruz or you may write the Bureau at P.O. Box 921, Santa Cruz, CA., 95060.

Probably the best way to see Santa Cruz the first time is to follow the tour. With a mile-long beach to enjoy, the Boardwalk is a good starting point. Famous for its exciting rides and attractions, the Boardwalk contains an arcade, roller coaster, merry-go-round, amusement rides, concessions and numerous shops. Admission to the Boardwalk is free; a fee is charged individually at each attraction.

Just north of the Boardwalk is the Municipal Wharf which last year had an estimated 2.5 million visitors. Deep sea

fishing trips, excursions and cruises are available and you can also line fish directly from the pier. Picturesque shops, fish markets and seafood restaurants make strolling along the pier a delightful experience.

Lighthouse Point marks the northern boundary between Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean. Directly offshore is Seal Rock, the home of a Sea Lion herd. The museum in the lighthouse is open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at no charge.

Natural Bridges State Beach was established to preserve the natural arches which have been cut by wave action in a thin promontory of rock jutting out from the bluffs. The rock is soft and fragile, and the sea will someday completely cut away the arches, but to delay that from hap-

pening, climbing the arches is prohibited. Picnic areas, swimming, surfing and a beach are available at this day-use park. Admission is charged at the beach, but there is an observation point for viewing the rock formations that is free to the public. Natural Bridges can be reached by following the Tree-Sea Tour or by taking Highway 1 north through Santa Cruz to the northern city limits and following the signs that mark the turnoff.

Driving east on Highway 9 from Santa Cruz, you can find Henry Cowell Redwood State Park, home of the "giant" redwoods. Just minutes from the hub of the city, the park is a tranquil place of tall trees, trails, picnic and barbeque areas and campsites.

Roaring Camp Railroad is off Highway 9 in Felton at the corner of Graham Hill Road and Roaring Camp Road. Founded with the purpose of recreating the historic narrow-gauge logging railroads that flourished in California during the 1880's, the authentic steam locomotive takes you through 187 acres of towering redwoods to Bear Mountain. At Bear Mountain you can stop to picnic or hike before returning to Roaring Camp on a later train. Once back at Roaring Camp, there is an 1880 General Store and a restaurant. On Saturday and Sunday, a Chuckwagon Barbeque is featured at the Roaring Camp Barbeque Grounds while old-fashioned country musicians entertain with songs and ballads from rural America. The Steam Train departs from Roaring Camp every hour, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., during the summer (June 5 to Sept. 6). During the rest of the year, trains are scheduled only on Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$4.50 for an adult, \$2.50 for children 3 to 15-years-old, and children under 3 years of age are admitted free. Special excursion rates are available for groups of 25 or more who hold advance reservations, and special trains can be arranged throughout the year for groups.

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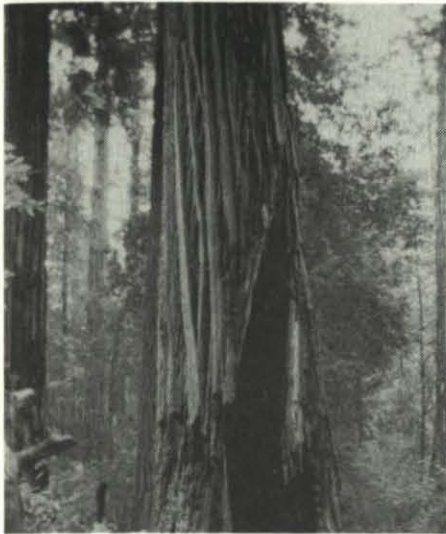
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Other points of interest along the Tree-Sea Tour include Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz Museum, San Lorenzo Park, Pacific Avenue Garden Mall and Mission Santa Cruz (see CLASSMATE, February, 1977, p. 29).

Within easy driving distance of Santa Cruz is Santa's Village, located on Highway 17 in Scotts Valley. Santa's Village is a storybook community covering 33 acres. Santa and Mrs. Claus, elves and helpers will assist you as you pet Santa's reindeer, feed the various animals or enjoy the 15 rides and attractions scattered throughout the village. Santa's Village is open daily in the summer and weekends and holidays during the rest of the year. An admission is charged.

An interesting side trip on the way back to Monterey is Capitola, a small resort town located on the ocean just south of Santa Cruz. Swimming, boating, interesting shops and a fine beach are the highlights of Capitola. Site of the annual National Begonia Festival, the Begonia Gardens are located at 2545 Capitola Rd. in Capitola. This nursery is filled with begonias and tropical plants from June to November. No admission is charged.

From the sea to the redwoods, Santa Cruz can be a fun place to visit. So whether you stay a week or just a day, have a good time! □

San Diego — It's Lots More Than a Navy Town

For the very few of you who have never been to San Diego, Mary Mitchell has left a list of attractions to visit if you venture "down South" this summer. Mary has moved to Newport, RI, but assures us that she and her family definitely plan to return to California ASAP.

*The San Diego Zoo is, without a doubt, the best zoo we've ever visited. Its 100 acres are home to an animal population of over 5,000, many of which can be viewed without the protection of bars because of open-moated enclosures. This is really a must for kids of all ages. The Zoo also operates the Wild Animal Park, 30 miles north of downtown San Diego. In this 1,800-acre game preserve, animals roam freely in their natural settings and are viewed from a monorail.

*Along with having miles of garden walks, flowers and ponds, and lots of grass to relax and play on, Balboa Park is San Diego's 1,400-acre cultural center with art galleries, theaters and a museum complex where eight museums are just walking distance apart.

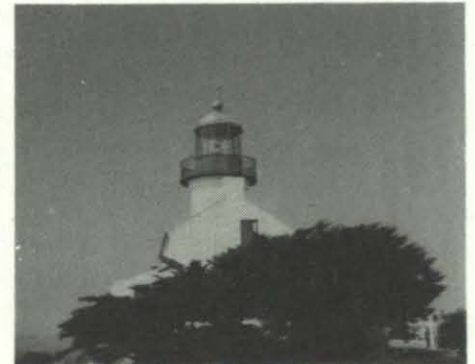
*Sea World is an 80-acre marine life park featuring a whole day's worth of shows (six of them) and many attractions. Here you can feed and pet sea animals, examine tide pool creatures and watch Shamu, the famous three-ton killer whale, perform in his own show.

*Coronado is a lovely resort community famous for its beaches, boat harbor and the Hotel del Coronado, a Victorian hotel (1888), now an official State of California landmark. Coronado can be reached easily by taking the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge or by driving down scenic Silver Strand Boulevard.

*Old Town Historic Park is California's birthplace. Six blocks in San Diego's earliest settlement have been set aside to recreate the period 1829 to 1869, and have a good number of quaint craft shops,

museums and several restored homes of the original settlers.

*San Diego Bay, a natural harbor, offers one many activities to enjoy. It is home port for many Navy ships, a sight which any loyal Navy family will want to



San Diego's Cabrillo Lighthouse

see! Once they have been viewed, you can take a cruise aboard a harbor excursion boat, explore the Star of India, the oldest iron merchant ship afloat, and finally, have lunch at one of dozens of charming waterfront restaurants.

*Just 16 miles south of downtown San Diego is the gateway to Tijuana, Mexico, the foreign city most visited by Americans. Although it's not a very good idea to take little ones along or drive across the border (parking on the U.S. side is usually inexpensive, and the walk to downtown Tijuana is relatively short), you can spend a few fun hours browsing through the many shops hunting for, and many times finding, bargains. (Remember, don't drink the water!)

Some of the above-mentioned attractions are free; others have an admission price. So, if you plan to visit any of them, make a point to stop by Special Services at one of the four military bases in the San Diego area to pick up military discount cards which will admit the people in your group for a special price.

Accommodations are no problem. A letter or phone call to the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 824, San Diego, 92101; (714) 232-3101 asking for their Hotel-Motel Guide will get you a list of over 200 hotels, motels and campgrounds in the area. If you prefer, you might want to stay at one of two Navy Lodges — to get information on these call either the one at Naval Air Station Miramar (714-271-7111) or at the Naval Station, 32nd Street (714-324-6142). □



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